

*South Eastern New York General Service - Area 49 of Alcoholics Anonymous***Delegate's Questionnaire for the 69th General Service Conference (GSC)*****"Our Big Book- 80 Years, 71 Languages"***

The first time I came to a SENY Assembly I didn't know what an Assembly was, but what I found was thrilling. So, I went to my group and asked to be allowed to serve. Our District Committee Member (DCM) picked me up for the next Assembly and service sponsored me on the way in. He told me that in order for my group's voice to be heard at the General Service Conference, I was to come to Assemblies. He said that the county meetings were important, but the county and district did not carry my *group's* voice to the Conference. Ensuring that my group's voice is heard at the General Service Conference was my job as GSR. At Area Assemblies, the DCMC had one vote for the County, the DCM had one vote for the district, but only a GSR could vote for a Group. We meet area wide six times a year (I had more hangovers than that in two weeks!). All AAs are welcome at all of our Assemblies.

On March 16th the background information for the Delegate's Questionnaire was presented by AA members at the Delegate's Day of Sharing. In case you were unable to attend, the slides of background information are available on aaseny.org. You can fill out the Delegate's Questionnaire online. Otherwise, the completed questionnaire must be emailed or postal mailed to me by May 4. If your group does not have an active GSR, you can bring up the questionnaire to your group. If there are questions your group does not feel strongly about, you do not have to answer them. At the Pre-Conference Assembly on May 4, you'll have the opportunity to share your Group's conscience regarding the questionnaire.

There are 641 pages of full background material for the General Service Conference as of this writing. This confidential info. has had four revisions since I received it. By April 1, I'll be reasonably certain that there won't be many further revisions. I'm happy to share the full background materials, or the background materials for one particular Conference Committee with any AA here in Area 49 who emails me at delegate@aaseny.org. The following statement will be in my emailed response:

The 69th GSC Background is confidential for AA members only and not to be posted on any publicly accessible website, on any social media (including "secret" groups), in newsletters, or publications.

I'm thrilled to be your delegate!

In love, with service, (and in love with service)

Jane E.

Your Voice in The Link

Are you willing to share you're experience, strength and hope about your service in A.A. at the group, district, county or area level? *The link* is published ten times per year and welcomes articles from all AAs in our area. Please limit your article to 300 words, and email it to link@aaseny.org or mail it c/o **The Link Editor**, P.O. Box 571, NY, NY 10116. Thanks!

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The Voice

Greetings GSRs. This month's article is devoted entirely to you. I'm not referring above to the television show, rather to the "Voice of the Group;" YOUR group. You've just attended our Delegate's Day of Sharing; where you heard and saw presentations of seven different agenda items, which will go to various committees at the upcoming General Service Conference, and perhaps to the floor of the Conference itself. Our Delegate Jane E. has selected these items, because she deems them to be of particular interest to our Area 49. By the way, that's Concept III, The Right of Decision.

You are doing two of the most important things that a Trusted Servant in AA can do:

You are presenting these questions to your group to obtain their Group Conscience.

You are giving them the background information from the DDoS presentations, so that they can come to an *informed*

Group Conscience.

Why is this so vitally important? Alcoholics Anonymous is a highly unusual organization to say the least. Many organizations have a mission. Alcoholics Anonymous has a *singleness of purpose*, as defined in our Preamble, The Twelve Traditions, and everywhere you look in our

literature; to stay sober and help the next suffering alcoholic. What sets us apart from almost any other organization are our Trusted Servant-leaders. The Trustees, the Delegates, and all others who attend the General Service Conference, *both want and need to hear what the groups have to say*. Indeed, that's the only reason for the existence of our General Service structure: to support the groups of AA, so that the alcoholic has a place to come and get better.

I'm willing to bet that most of you have felt the frustration of speaking from the heart, and yet not being heard, *really heard*. AA wants to hear and respond to the voice of your group.

Without you the GSR, that voice is silenced.

To paraphrase our immediate Past Delegate, John W: Is your group worth it?

In Love and Service,

Alternate Delegate

Area 49, Panel 69, Tom B.

April Historical Dates

April 1, 1939 - Alcoholics Anonymous; AA's *Big Book* **WAS** published.

April 1, 1970 - General Service Office (GSO) moved to 468 Park Ave. South, NYC. - April 7, 1941 - Ruth Hock reported there were 1,500 letters asking for help, following Jack Alexander's article in the *Saturday Evening Post*.

April 10, 1939 - The first 10 copies of the *Big Book* arrived at the office Bill W. shared with Hank Parkhurst in Newark, New Jersey.

April 11, 1939 - Marty Mann attended her first meeting at the home of Bill and Lois Wilson in Brooklyn.

April 24, 1940 - The first AA pamphlet "AA" was published.

April 26, 1939 - Bill and Lois Wilson moved in with Hank Parkhurst after the bank foreclosed on 182 Clinton St. This was the first of over 50 moves before they acquired *Stepping Stones*.

April 1935 - Dr. Silkworth told Bill to stop preaching to drunks, and tell them about the "obsession and the allergy."

April 1935 - The word *honest* was dropped from "an honest desire to stop drinking" in

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the AA Preamble following the 1958 General Service Conference. It was felt that it was impossible to determine what constituted an *honest* desire to stop drinking. The version of the Preamble without the word *honest* first appeared in the September, 1958 issue of the *AA Grapevine*.

Concept of the Month - Concept IV - "*Throughout our Service structure we ought to maintain at all levels a traditional 'Right of Participation' taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.*"

Bill W. wrote on page 18 on Concept IV in the *AA Service Manual*, *that "the preservation of 'Participation' in our service structure is, to those of us who already understand its application and benefits, a matter of the highest importance to our future."*

The new SENY Office is open and running, and had its first committee meeting on March 12, 2019 by the Accessibility/Special Needs Committee, led by Sally B., SENY Accessibilities Chair. It was well received by those in attendance and a few visitors. The office is bright, clean, and has a very positive feel to it.

The Service Participation Meeting (D.C.M.C's) was scheduled for March 14, 2019, led by Tom B. (Area 49 Alt. Delegate) at the new office - Tom promised pizza!

I am looking forward to the North East Regional Forum (NERF) put on by the staff of the General Service Office (GSO) on May 31-June 2, 2019 in Tarrytown, and the

N.Y. State Informational Workshop with Area 47 (Central N.Y), 48 (HMB), and Area 50 (Western N.Y.) on August 2-4, 2019 at Graymoor in Garrison N.Y.

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Pass It On

SENY Chair, Area 49, Jerry R,

Budgets, Budgets, Budgets!

At our first committee meeting and assembly of the new rotation, I presented a budget for SENY Area 49's anticipated income and expenses for 2019. There was a whirlwind of questions and very valid questions at that. Everyone must remember that although this is AA, SENY Area 49 is actually a business entity. Therefore, we must meet regularly to conduct the business of Area 49. What healthy business would operate without planning for the coming year's income and expenses? It is our responsibility to review and discuss our financial obligations, so we can plan accordingly.

There were many who questioned the "Uncategorized Income" line on the report. I decided to write this article with that in mind. Imagine if you will; you are an individual who needs to figure how much money you earn and the expenses you need to cover this year.

Let's say your salary is \$30,000 per year. Okay, your rent is \$1,250 per month or \$15,000 per year. You bought a new car and the payment is \$500 per month totaling \$6,000 per year. Your insurance on the new vehicle is another \$200 per month totaling \$2,400 per year. Fuel for the new car is \$1,000 per year. Food costs, including restaurants (and Starbucks) is \$200 per month

or \$2,400 per year. That new cell phone and service plan with all the bells and whistles will cost you \$85 per month or \$1,000 per year. Entertainment/hobby costs i.e. movies, concerts, ball games, bowling, gym membership; another \$1,200 per year. And let's not forget other incidentals and miscellaneous items including clothing which absorbs the last \$1,000 of your yearly income.

If you add it up, you have a balanced personal budget for 2019, and have accounted for every dollar you plan to earn. Now, what happens during this year in your life? Gas prices go down, you cancel that gym membership, you go on a diet, and you work a bunch of overtime. If you calculate all the debits and credits you are no longer balanced. You didn't spend all the money you expected, and you had additional income you didn't plan for. So, what do you call all the extra money in your savings account at the end of the year: "Uncategorized Income." As a side note for all interested; I changed the line item to read "Balance in Operating Account January 1".

Your Humble Servant,

SENY Area 49 Treasurer, Panel 69, Jo Ann M.

Do We Want a Fifth Edition Big Book?

At NERAASA (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly) this past February, we heard presentations on the pros and cons of updating and creating a Fifth Edition of the *Big Book*. **I remembered what Bill W said:** *“It must never be forgotten that the purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous is to sober up alcoholics. There is no religious or spiritual requirement for membership. No demands are made on anyone. An experience is offered which members may accept or reject. That is up to them.”*

With that in mind, I believe that it is time for an updated edition with new stories that can represent the ever-expanding demographics of AA membership, while still maintaining the first 164 pages that outline our Program. Another consideration apart from adding new contemporary stories, is to think about how people access our literature, including **the** *Big Book* in this technological age.

It is important to consider how our current and future members are most likely to access a new *Big Book*. **Are there additional outreach** methods to consider? Is our literature truly accessible to all? Are there alcoholics whom we are not attracting because the *Big Book* **COMES** primarily in print form? How do we make our message easily accessible to all?

The most effective method of delivery will also ensure that our resources are put to the best use as well as ensuring that our message of Recovery reaches everyone. No more books sitting in warehouses; but instead sitting on electronic devices ready to be easily accessed. Our timeless message of Recovery, delivered by new stories and new voices, requires new delivery methods that embrace our high-tech times. I think Bill W. would have loved it! With Love and Service,

Grapevine/La Vina Chair, SENY AREA 49, Panel 69, Sherry A.

2019 Northeast Regional Forum

Registration opens Monday, April 1, 2019

To receive email notification when registration is open:

- [Click here](#) and fill out the form; *or*
- Contact Maria Morales-Lamm at moralesm@aa.org or (212) 870-3141; *or*
- Fill out the below and mail to G.S.O. to arrive by March 27, 2019. **General Service Office, P.O. Box 459,**

**Grand Central Station, NY, NY 10163
Attn: Maria Morales-Lamm**

Name _____ Email _____

Information provided is confidential and will only be used for this Regional Forum For ASL Interpretation please contact G.S.O.: regionalforums@aa.org.

Hotel Reservations can be made by one of the following methods: • By

phone: (914) 661-2200 no later than May 3, 2019

- Online: [Click here](#) and fill out the form.

Room rates:

Single/Double: \$152.00 plus taxes

For special room rate use Group Codes: NRFNRFA/NRFNRFD

**2019
NORTHEAST
REGIONAL FORUM**

May 31 - June 2, 2019

Westchester Marriott Hotel

670 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, New York 10591
(914) 631-2200 **Group**

Codes: NRFNRFA/NRFNRFD

Sample SCHEDULE of Events

Friday: 6:30pm - 10pm Saturday: 9am - 9:45pm Sunday: 9am - 12pm

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

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May 31 - June 2, 2019 Westchester Marriott

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670 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, NY 10591
(914) 631-2200

NRFNRFA (single)

NRFNRFD (double)

Rate cutoff date: May 3, 2019

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May 31-June 2, 2019**

A unique opportunity for
A.A. members to
share their experience,
strength and hope.

From the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous

**ALL A.A. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME
FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES ENCOURAGED**

What to EXPECT

First Timer Orientation

We especially welcome you if this will be your first Regional Forum. Before the Forum starts, there will be an orientation session which will include an informational handout.

Sharing Sessions/Ask-It Basket What have you been wondering about? Come up to the mike, maybe others have been wondering too. Share your thoughts and ask your questions. If you don't want to come to the mike, you can write out your comment or question and drop it into the "Ask-It" Basket.

Presentations

You will hear presentations covering topics such as, A.A. Around the World, Self-Support and Carrying the Message. Each presentation features hand-outs and time for questions and answers. It's a great way to get to know members of the General Service Board, as well as Staff and Directors from the General Service Office and A.A. Grapevine.

AA Grapevine / La Villa

Meet the Staff from AA Grapevine and La Villa, "our meetings in print," and learn how the magazines carry experience, strength and hope to A.A. members in a vast number of settings. You can learn how to contribute stories and participate as a Grapevine/ La Villa representative.

Workshops

The workshop topics come from recommendations made by Forum attendees the last time we were in your Region. Workshops may cover practical "how-to" topics as well as themes related to unity, recovery and service. At the end of the Forum we will ask you for ideas for the next Forum in your Region.

- Northeast Region
- East Central Region
- West Central Region
- Southwest Region
- Western Canada Region
- Pacific Region
- Eastern Canada Region
- Southeast Region

Our primary

First Time Forum Attendees

Those of you attending your first A.A. Regional Forum, are especially welcome! Come and meet other A.A. members and learn about the rich variety of service opportunities that our Fellowship offers. Whether you are new to service

Workshops, we need your voice

Regional Forums provide a great opportunity for members to exchange group, district, area and regional experience. You will find that Area Delegates and committee members also come to listen and share their experience.

Spiritual Principles,

PURPOSE

or have been sober and active in

A.A. service for years, the Regional **Practical Experience** Forum experience is a wonderful Communication—one alcoholic way to learn and share about our talking to another—is the vital link worldwide, life-saving Fellowship. for all of us in A.A. Regional Forums

More than create another important link in that chain. Whether it is a one-on-one

Presentation

chat during a coffee break, asking a question at the microphone during A.A. Around the World, Who are a Sharing Session, or just absorbing Our Trustees and What Do They information, each member's Do? Your General Service Office attendance at these Forums helps How It Helps My Group Carry the to further our primary purpose— A.A. Message? Self Support, and staying sober and helping other much more. Most presentations alcoholics to achieve sobriety, feature hand-outs and time for questions and answers.

Our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the A.A. fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

A.A.'s Legacy of Service by Bill W.
The A.A. Service Manual, p. 51

FORUMS OFFER...

REGIONAL HOSTS

2019 2020

Sponsored by the General Services of Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties and the Hispanic Districts.
Hosted by Nassau County.

LONG ISLAND SPIRITUALITY THROUGH SERVICE 2019

Long Island Spirituality Through Service ("L.I.S.T.S.") aspires to affirm the spiritual practice of Unity & Service to recovering alcoholics.

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
110 ANCHOR AVE.
OCEANSIDE, N.Y. 11572

Directions:
Driving East: Southern State Parkway Exit 17 south, Ocean ave. to Atlantic Ave. right to Long Beach Rd. 2 blocks turn right on Anchor Ave. St. Anthony's parking lot will be 200 ft. on the right.
Driving West: Southern State Parkway Exit 17 south and follow the same directions as above.
Train/Bus: Long Island Railroad to Rockville train station. Bus # N15 to Windsor Plwy. Walk west on W. Windsor Plwy toward Dambly Ave. turn right on Dambly Ave., turn left on Anchor Ave. and St. Anthony's will be 200 ft. on the right.



Recovery & Refreshments
Food & Fun

Service & Song
Meditation & Music
Round Tables & Service Fair

Wheelchair Accessible
ASL (if requested in advance)
English and Spanish Translation

Nassau General
Service Group
Presents

35th Unity Breakfast



84 Years of AA
"Our Big Book-80 Years,
71 Languages"

June 2, 2019 • 9am-12pm

Long Island Marriott
101 James Doolittle Blvd.,
Uniondale, NY 11553
516-794-3800

Tickets: \$33.00 per person •

Service Fair
8am

Ticket
information:

dcmc@nassau.aaseny.org

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Sobriety
Through
Service

NASSAU GEN SVCS DISTRICTS 208,209,211 PRESENT: "SPONSORSHIP"



OLD CONCEPT \longleftrightarrow NEW CHALLENGES
Panel Speakers & Interactive Discussion:

- Sponsoring the LGBTQ Alcoholic
- The special needs alcoholic
- The dual addicted alcoholic plus MORE!!

WHERE: St. Luke's Episcopal Church
253 Glen Avenue Sea Cliff, NY 11579

WHEN: SATURDAY MAY 11th 9:30am - 1:00pm

🍽️ Complimentary B'fast & Luncheon served!! 🍽️

District 620 13th Annual Workshop

Theme: Getting the AA message out

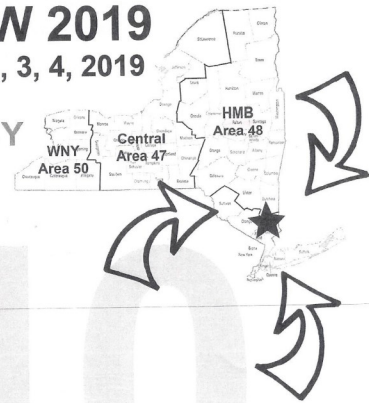
Save The Date: 5/11/19, ST. Phillips Church 204 W. 134th St. NY, NY

Time: 9am- 3pm

NYSIW 2019

August 2, 3, 4, 2019

AA SENY
Area 49



40th ANNIVERSARY

Graymoor Spiritual Life Center
Route 9, Garrison, NY

Email nysiw@aaseny.org for more information

COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE MEETIN		Please visit www.aaseny.org for the most up-to-date information	
Bronx upper Manhattan(2nd Wed. every other even mn.)	Bedford Park Congressional Church 3008 Bainbridge Ave, Bx, NY10458		7:00pm
Brooklyn(3rd Wed. monthly)	St. Francis College, 180 Remsen St. Brklyn, NY 11201		7:30pm
Hispanic Districts (3rd Sunday monthly)	Location rotates please see aaseny.org or aacdhseny49.org each month		9:30am
Manhattan (3rd Tues. every other month)	Seafarers House, 123 E. 15 St., NY, NY 10003		6:30pm
Nassau (3rd Mon. Every other month)	Nassau Intergroup office, 361 Hempstead tpke, W. Hempstead, NY 11552		7:30pm
Orange (3rd Tues. monthly)	1sr Presbyterian Church, Campbell Hall, Rte 207, Campbell Hall NY 10916		7:00 PM
Putnam (2nd Tues. monthly)	Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 76 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, NY 10512		7:00pm
Queens (last Mond. every other month)	St. Mary Gate of Heaven Church,101-18 104 St., Queens, NY 11416		7:30pm
Rockland (3rd Wed. monthly)	Elim Alliance Church, 40 Lake Rd., Valley Cottage, NY 10989		7:30pm
Staten Island (2nd Sun. no meetings May July Aug)	Oakwood Heights Community Church 345 Guyon Ave, SI, NY 10306		7:00 PM
Suffolk (3rd Fri. monthly)	Belloport United Methodist Church,185 So. Country Rd, Belloport, NY 11713		8:00pm
Sullivan (3rd Sun. monthly except July and Aug)	Sullivan Community College, 112 College Rd, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759		3:00pm
Westchester (3rd Wed. monthly)	Memorial Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Ave, White Plains, NY 10605		7:30pm
Standing Committee Meeting & Workshops		Please visit www.aaseny.org for the most up-to-date information	
Acc/Special Needs Committee (1st Fri. Monthly)	1231 Lafayette Ave. Suite L2 Bronx, NY 10474		7:00pm
Archives Advisory Committee	NY Intergroup Office, 307 7th Ave. #201, New York, NY 10001		1:00 PM
Corrections Committee (3rd Sat. Monthly)	SENY Office, 99 Lincoln Avenue Bronx, NY 10454		
PI & CPC Joint Committee Mtg (Last Tuesday monthly)	NY Intergroup Office, 307 7th Ave. #201, New York, NY 10001		7:15pm
Treatment Facilities Committee (Last Sun. Monthly)	SENY Office, 99 Lincoln Avenue Bronx, NY 10454		11:30 AM
12 Concepts of World Svc Workshop (1st Wed. Monthly)	Trinity Lower East Side, 602 E. 9th St. NewYork, NY 10009		8:15 PM
SENY Service Participation Meeting	NY Intergroup Office, 307 7th Ave. #201 New York, NY 10001		7:00 PM
SENY Convention Planning Meeting	TBD		7:00 PM

L.I.S.T.S. (3RD TUES. MONTHLY) Nassau Intergroup office, 361 Hempstead tpke, W. Hempstead, NY 11552 7:30 pm

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Upcoming 2018 Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies

04/01/19	7:30 PM	Area Committee	Church of the Holy Family , 2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx NY 10472
05/04/19	8:30 AM	Pre-Conference Assembly	TBD- hosted by Hispanic Districts
06/03/19	7:30 PM	Area Committee	Church of the Holy Family , 2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx NY 10472
06/15/19	8:15 AM	Post-Conference Assembly	TBD-hosted by Brooklyn
09/14/19	TBD	Area Assembly	TBD-Orange
11/10/19	7:30 PM	Area Committee	Church of the Holy Family , 2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx NY 10472

12/2/19 – 7:30 pm– Area Committee– Church of the Holy Family , 2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx NY 10472